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MEMORANDUM To: The Central Intelligence Agency.

Subject: IM-132 - Selected Data Assembled for the Harmon Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

1. The Office of Naval Intelligence concurs in general with subject paper.
2. ONI recommends, however, that the following additions and changes be made in the paper, or noted, as appropriate.

Section II

Paragraph 1 c (3): In the second paragraph, the qualifying words "merely" in the first sentence and "only" in the third sentence should be omitted, since they contribute nothing factual and may modify unduly.

Section III

Paragraph 3 d: The paragraphs under this subsection tend to over-estimate the importance of the Eastern areas. While it is the plan of the Soviet Union to develop these Eastern areas, it has been found in the past that the development of these areas has been more uneconomical than development in the Western areas. Reconstruction in the West has been easier than new construction in the East. While percentage increases in the East are much greater than percentage increases in the West, the greater resources and production in the west will continue to make the West of greater importance economically for some time to come. While the population increases in a few Eastern cities, as stated in the table, are significant, it also should be borne in mind that these populations are rather small when compared to the population of Moscow (4,350,000) and Leningrad (3,100,000) and Kiev, Kharkov, Gorki and Baku, all of which are over 800,000.

Paragraph 5: Use of the word "widespread" in the second sentence may convey a meaning of abundance, and it is believed "widely scattered" would be a better description.

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Under PETROLEUM on p. A-2 the Aviation Gasoline column should be changed as follows:

	Combat Aviation Gasoline (1000 MT/YR)
U.S.S.R.	970
Satellites	1/
Albania	0
Austria (Sovzone)	0
Bulgaria	0
Czechoslovakia	10
Finland	0
Germany (Sovzone)	40
Hungary	0
Poland	0
Rumania	60
Yugoslavia	0
Total Satellites	110 2/
Total U.S.S.R. and Satellites	1,080

Note: 1/ Approximately one-quarter 100-octane and three quarters 95 octane.

2/ 90 octane.

Tables A-19 and A-20 (Pages A-16 and A-17)
(Add general preface)

Using naval & merchant
In arriving at shipbuilding figures, it must be remembered that the shipbuilding industry is becoming more and more an assembly industry. There may be from 150 to 200 suppliers of material on sub-contracts for a single ship and the capacities for shipbuilding become a major problem in economics. Any capacity estimates on shipbuilding capacity should thus be treated with reserve. Though the facilities may be available, it may be impossible for some countries to obtain machinery, and especially in the case of naval construction, ordnance and electronic equipment.

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